



## RESOLUTION

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### ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS RELATED TO THE ALA WAI CANAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Ala Wai Watershed, located in the City and County of Honolulu ("City"), encompasses approximately 19 square miles, 12,064 acres, and extends from the ridge of the Koolau Mountains to the nearshore waters of Mamala Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Ala Wai Watershed is made up of Maikiki, Manoa, and Palolo Streams, which drain into the Ala Wai Canal, a 2-mile-long man-made waterway constructed during the 1920s, not for major flood control, but rather to drain coastal wetlands and allow for the development of Waikiki; and

WHEREAS, the Ala Wai Canal is owned and maintained by the State of Hawaii ("State") and the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") has coordinated with the State and City since 2001 to develop a plan to mitigate flooding in the Ala Wai Watershed in the event of a major, once in a century storm; and

WHEREAS, the USACE is currently negotiating terms of an agreement with the State and City to proceed with the "Ala Wai Canal Flood Risk Management Project," which received approximately \$345 million dollars in federal appropriations in July, 2018; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$125 million dollars is needed to be appropriated by the State or City to proceed with this project in partnership with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, issues related to this project have been brought to the forefront and have now become a major area of concern to members of the public, State Legislature, City Council, and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to gain a broader perspective on the issues relating to this project, by listening to concerns from the public and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Section 92-2.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), permits the Council to assign two or more, but fewer than five, Councilmembers to investigate matters relating to the business of the Council, without the interactions of the Councilmembers in the course of the investigation being considered a "meeting," under Chapter 92, Part I, HRS, provided that:



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- (A) The scope of the investigation and the scope of each member's authority are defined at a meeting of the Council;
- (B) All resulting findings and recommendations are presented to the Council at a meeting of the Council; and
- (C) Deliberation and decision-making on the matter investigated, if any, occurs only at a duly noticed meeting of the Council held subsequent to the meeting at which the findings and recommendations of the investigation were presented to the Council; and

WHEREAS, certain Councilmembers wish to meet with members of the State Legislature and other federal, State, and City officials regarding this project; and

WHEREAS, certain Councilmembers wish to hold community meetings to investigate, dialogue with, and receive input from community stakeholders and the general public regarding issues and concerns relating to this project; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that a permitted interaction group, composed of Councilmembers Ann Kobayashi, Carol Fukunaga, and Michael Formby, is hereby established and authorized to meet with State legislators, other federal, State, and City officials, as well as hold community meetings for the purpose of receiving input from community stakeholders, and the general public, to investigate issues and concerns relating to the Ala Wai Canal Flood Risk Management Project, which relates to the official business of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the permitted interaction group may, during the investigation, make any binding commitment or create any obligation on behalf of the group, the Council, or the City; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the permitted interaction group shall present a written report to the Council summarizing the meetings held, input received, and community dialogue from the community meetings, at a Council meeting, pursuant to HRS Section 92-2.5(b)(1)(C), and, upon the Council's acceptance of the report at a subsequent Council meeting, the group shall be dissolved.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Shawn Kobayashi*

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**MAR 1 2019**

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Introduced: 03/01/19 By: ANN KOBAYASHI

Committee: COUNCIL

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Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

03/08/19 COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 19-50 WAS ADOPTED.

7 AYES: ELEFANTE, FORMBY, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, PINE,  
TSUNEYOSHI.

2 ABSENT: ANDERSON, MENOR.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKANASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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ANN H. KOBAYASHI, INTERIM CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER